

Malyj Vysotskij - 4J A New One for DXCC?

Martti Laine OH2BH thinks so. Martti, OH2RF, OH5NZ, UZ3AU, UR2AR, and UW3AX will operate as 4JØFS from this tiny, uninhabited island in the Gulf of Finland for 100 hours starting around 1500Z July 7. Watch 3645, 3745, 7045, 14145, 21245, and 28545 kHz on SSB, and 1 kHz up on CW. The island is leased to Finland, but is almost surrounded by USSR territory, sufficiently to block a direct line to OH, possibly creating a new country by separation by foreign land (DXCC rule 3b.) It lies at 60° 17'N, 28° 34'E, in Vyborg Bay. Point your beam at UR. Sunrise 0110Z, sunset 1930Z. QSL to OH2NB. (See DXCC analysis below.)

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4JØFS - A New One?

The first joint Finnish/Soviet DXpedition has been 20 years in the making. OH2BH has a letter dated Nov. 17, 1970 from then-DXCC administrator Bob White W1CW "pre-approving" the island for separate DXCC status. The island is part of territory annexed by the Soviets from Finland in World War II, and leased back to Finland since 1962. Some DXCC questions remain, however. First, there is no record of the "pre-approval" letter at ARRL Hq. DXCC administrator Don Search W3AZD was unaware of the earlier letter, and thought Peter 1 Island was the only DXCC country ever "pre-approved." If the island is leased, it's still owned by the USSR, and not Finland. And why a Russian callsign, if the island is Finnish? We'll know soon.

Yemen - 4W As of July 5, the 4WØEA operation was still on hold, awaiting visas. Only two operators remain able to go.

Central Kiribati - T31 Jim Smith T31JS arrived as planned and is very active on all bands for one more week. See Bandpass for times/frequencies.

Aruba - P4 Stan K5GO is on through July 11 as P4ØGO (not 'CO), including IARU HF test. CW only in the test, 30-32 kHz up. SSB outside the test. QSL K5GO.

Aland - OH0 Look for OH0/K8MFO July 14-18, all bands, CW only. He'll try 160 above 1830 kHz 0030-0130Z. His local "sunrise" at 0130Z is best bet for East Coast Top Banders. QSL to W8TPS.

Shortly Noted

- 9H3IJ is on CW daily at 2000Z, 17 kHz up on 20 or 15 meters. QSL to DF5BM.
- 9Q5DX has a sked on 21036 kHz at 2030Z. QSL to KQ3S.
- OE4RAA is a county hunter who likes 14256 kHz from 0200Z, and 21309 kHz 16-1700Z.
- BY7HY is a new China station in Yueyang City in Human province.
- 8J7XPO and 8J8XPO will be on July 9-Sept. 18 from the ends of the Seikan Tunnel in Japan. (Thanks JARL News.)
- JY9LC is quite active around 14190-95 kHz at 0200Z.
- VK9ND is often on 21370 kHz at 0130Z.
- SSB net check-ins include: TL8HW 3X1SG 5V7WD S79D and ZK3RVC. JX8KY is often in the INDEXA net on 14236 kHz at 2345Z.
- OD5LX likes 14022-25 kHz at 0200Z.
- 5N1MRE can be heard on 14211 kHz at 2000Z.
- T20AA has been on 20M SSB at 1100Z.
- S92LB likes 21290-95 kHz at 2000Z.

RTTY Report

- Charlie KA2CC will take a HAL Telereader from the West Coast RTTY DX Assn. to Minami Torishima JD1 July 8-15 (military transportation permitting.) He's never operated RTTY before, so be gentle.
- Jim Smith says he'll try RTTY as T31JS, 85 kHz up on 20 and 15. Try 21085 at 1900Z.
- Alex UA9FM in Zone 17 likes 14090 kHz at 2300Z.
- TF/LA4LN and TF/LA2SR will digitally DXpedite through July 29. AX.25 call is LA4LN-10 and AMTOR Selcal is LALN.
- The group that has been operating RTTY from soon-to-disappear Oblast 177 (UM8MM/RM1P and UA9MWA/RM1P) expect to move on to UI, UJ, UH, and UL soon. Try 14084 kHz around 0845Z.
- TU4CQ is on AMTOR at 14078 kHz at 0020Z.
- 6T2MG still is on 14087 kHz at 2330Z.
- VP2MHD is on 14088 kHz at 2350Z.

PROPAGATION

Forecast and Historical Data

Day Forecast	27 Days Before	55 Days Before
July	Date Flux A K	Date Flux A K
8 High Nor	6/11 134 07/16 2	5/14 103 05/11 2
9 High Nor	6/12 122 04/10 1	5/15 101 04/13 1
10 Low Normal	6/13 112 07/18 1	5/16 101 14/22 1
11 Disturbed	6/14 108 23/37 3	5/17 101 29/41 3
12 Low Normal	6/15 111 09/18 2	5/18 104 14/38 1
13 High/Low	6/16 118 07/17 1	5/19 102 06/18 1
14 Low Normal	6/17 121 11/21 2	5/20 104 07/15 1
15 Low Normal	6/18 122 13/21 3	5/21 110 10/22 2
16 Below Nor	6/19 116 20/33 3	5/22 111 07/18 1
17 Below Nor	6/20 115 14/35 3	5/23 119 04/16 0
18 High Nor	6/21 121 07/16 2	5/24 117 08/17 2
19 Low Normal	6/22 119 14/22 3	5/25 119 06/15 2
20 High Nor	6/23 125 11/17 3	5/26 125 08/16 1
21 Below Nor	6/24 135 20/31 4	5/27 127 02/10 1
22 Disturbed	6/25 150 24/48 3	5/28 127 01/12 1
23 Below Nor	6/26 155 13/29 3	5/29 136 10/16 3
24 High/Low	6/27 155 11/21 3	5/30 139 12/21 3
25 High/Low	6/28 178 14/22 1	5/31 145 09/17 2

Thanks KH6BZF and Space Environment Services Center.

Propagation Watch

The sun gave DXers a real holiday treat over the Fourth of July weekend. Solar flux sky-rocketed to a Cycle-22 high of 193 on July 1, in the middle of a solid week of flux levels above 175.

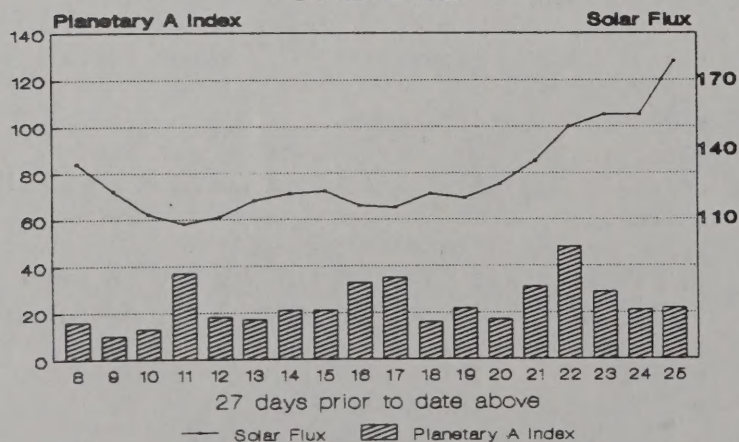
The dramatically increased flux first appeared with above-average absorption levels, but the A and K indices fell throughout the long weekend. By July 4, the planetary A index dropped to 15, and the Boulder K index was 0 for much of the day.

The combination of high flux and very low absorption produced spectacular band conditions on 15 and 20 meters. 15 opened soon after dawn, and stayed open well after local sunset, with very good signals. 20 meters continued to jump all night, with the long path and polar path wide open, thus providing DXers with 24 hours of excellent band conditions.

The forecast for the next few weeks looks disappointing, especially after the super conditions in the first week of July. Look for decreasing flux levels (but still very high for this early in the sunspot cycle,) and increasing absorption.

15 meters is the place to be during the day, and 20 should stay open much of the night, if absorption doesn't increase too much. Seasonal effects have prevented 10 meters from opening east-west, but the usual north-south DX is in daily. Sporadic E skip can live on 10 and 6 meters at any time. If absorption is low, 40 meters offers good DX possibilities as well.

Solar Data



Amateur Radio In Iran - 1977

Carl Bethel K4OD takes exception to the statement by EP2FM that he is the only legally licensed amateur in Iran over the past 20 years. Carl writes:

Dear The DX Bulletin:

TDXB Issue 443 contains a statement that should be corrected. The last paragraph of the small piece "Amateur Radio in Iran" is very misleading. Twenty years would take us back to 1968.

I am enclosing a copy of the Amateur Radio Society of Iran monthly newsletter for January, 1977, the last copy I saved. I left Iran in March, 1977. I was a member of the Society for two years and attended most of the meetings during that period. These meetings were always well attended by both Iranian and expatriate licensees.

Note that EP2FM and the name Abdolah Sadjadian do not appear. (Perhaps he was boycotting the "illegal" society which included everybody else.)

I personally went through a very extensive licensing procedure to obtain my EP2OD license. EQ2ITU and 9D5B were special calls assigned to me, by the Iran government, after I convinced them that they would have some significance. Copies of all correspondence and licensing information are in my possession.

My equipment entered the country undergoing a minute inspection by Iranian customs, at which time I had to produce documentation.

I think the record should be set straight, for the benefit of thousands of hams who worked me in Iran between 1975 and 1977.

Sincerely, Carl Bethel K4OD

Thanks for your input, Carl. The statement on EP2FM's QSL card is obviously inaccurate, as the DXCC program has accepted EP cards for contacts before 1979. Meanwhile, EP2HZ continues to operate and QSL. EP2HZ uses a regular QSL card, and he includes his call sign and the symbol of the local society, IRAC, on both the card, and on the return envelope. He isn't trying to hide anything. However, EP2HZ cards do not count for DXCC, as the ARRL has received word from Iran that no amateur operation is permitted at this time. EP2HZ's card says he has a home-made rig, running 50 watts into a dipole, not a high-powered, commercial rig. EP2HZ is Hassane Zohourian, P.O.Box 16765-3133, Tehran. (Thanks KC4BQX for EP2HZ info.)

10 Meter Beacon List

10 meters is spotty these days, due to the seasonal high absorption in the summer, but multi-hop E-skip and transequatorial north-south openings provide some DX possibilities on the band. With solar flux soaring, this fall will be a great time to be on 10 (and 6!). To check band openings, tune 28200-300 kHz, where no less than 70 beacons are located, most operating continuously. For an up-to-date list of these beacons, including call signs, frequencies, locations, and power levels, send an SASE to The DX Bulletin. Thanks to Joe Gumino K2OLG for this updated list.

S0RASD Videotape Available

Jim Dionne K1MEM has a copy of the S0RASD videotape that Martti Laine OH2BH showed at Visalia and Dayton. He'll make copies of the VHS tape for DX clubs. Please send a donation, made out to the NCDXF, for copying and mailing costs, and some extra for the trip itself. Address: 31 DeMarco Road, Sudbury MA 01776.

BANDPASS

Reports Wanted,
Especially RTTY, 30 meters

-----RTTY-----

3B9FR	14091	1210	25	OH
CE1YI	14081	0345	25	OH
CO2BB	14091	0301	1	CA
CT4KO	14093	2325	21	OH
EA8AKQ	14089	0640	29	CA
G0ARF	21087	1547	12	OH
G10AIQ	14089	0002	23	IN
HA5CP	14089	0200	24	OH
HA5HD	14097	0530	26	CA
HB9DCQ	14090	0015	23	IN
HP2/	14084	0310	1	CA
KP4GP	14084	0400	14	IN
JR6TJP	14092	1210	18	OH
KG4FD P	14101	1525	26	OH
KP2N	14082	2301	22	IN
LU6DJ	14089	0011	15	OH
OK2FD	14086	0325	25	OH
PJ2MI	14089	1050	24	OH
PZ1BS	14083	1150	25	OH
SP8CGR	14091	0120	24	OH
TG9/	14080	0308	1	CA
F2JD				
UA9FM	14087	2315	17	OH
UT5RP	14083	0144	24	IN
VK2BQS	14095	0635	29	CA
YO6JN	14095	2352	13	OH
YU3BQ	14091	0215	24	IN
ZK1CG	14092	0245	24	OH
ZK3YY	14091	0610	25	CA
ZL1CG	14098	0349	24	CA
ZL2BMH	14097	0422	14	IN

-----160 Meters-----

G3RBP	1834	0225	8	MA
KL7Y	1830	0911	5	CA
OK3CQD	1833	0233	8	MA
T31JS	1833	0907	5	CA
VK2RS/3	1832	1205	28	WA
VK3AUU	1834	1150	26	WA
ZL2VI	1832	1207	25	WA

-----75 Meters-----

TR8JLD	3799	0024	24	MA
ZP5CVI	3799	0015	24	MA

-----40 Meters-----

9H3IJ	7009	2351	28	FL
BY4WNG	7005	1313	29	OR
CO2AX	7004	1043	23	MI
FK8KAB/P	7003	1100	24	MN
P29HS	7010	1041	20	MI
PY0FF	7004	0054	3	FL
T31JS	7005	0642	4	CA
ZD8HR	7002	0447	4	CA
ZK1QC	7005	1057	22	MN
ZK1QC	7040	0715	30	OR
ZK1XD	7004	0548	25	CA
ZK1XD	7007	1311	29	OR
ZK3RVC	7164	0700	4	CA

-----30 Meters-----

5B4OG	10103	0215	22	PA
FG5BM	10108	0244	4	CA
FT5ZB	10101	1245	26	WA
JD1/	10102	1336	4	CA
JF3QMJ	Ogasawara			

-----20 Meter CW-----

5H1HK	14038	2350	24	MI
9H3IJ	14014	2213	24	NY
9M2LE	14015	1154	22	JA
9V1XC	14020	1506	25	MT
BY4RB	14034	1130	21	NH
BY7KT	14021	1302	22	MT
CS0REP	14018	0140	29	FL
EA9GK	14021	0040	24	OH
EA9KQ	14033	2350	23	OR
FH5EV	14027	1550	24	MA
FK8FS	14017	0549	18	OH
FT5ZB	14004	0651	30	CA
FT5ZB	14025	1224	5	CA
HS0A	14028	1220	20	NH
J52US	14006	2326	27	NY
JT1BR	14015	1339	30	OR
JX5TJ	14035	1204	23	GA
KH2D	14058	1215	21	NH
KH3/WY5L	14009	1100	24	FL
KH3/WY5L	14011	0757	30	CA
KX6HE	14008	1055	25	MA
OD5LX	14025	0239	21	CT
OY1R	14034	2010	24	MA
PZ2AC	14045	0540	14	OH
RI7XX	14056	0148	29	FL
RL8LCT	14009	0138	28	FL
RO4OR	14015	2258	27	FL
T20AA	14030	1151	22	GA
T31JS	14031	0908	4	CA
TA3D	14013	0125	27	FL
TR8JLD	14036	0557	4	CA
U19PK	14030	0458	29	OR
UA0YAG	14016	1337	28	OR
UA10/	14025	0312	24	PA

UA0BDU				
UA6IA	14025	0256	29	OR
UD6DKW	14007	2352	21	MI
UF6QAE	14013	0137	28	FL
UH8CA	14028	0100	27	FL
UL8GWB	14022	2341	28	FL
UQ2GEI	14020	0233	22	MI
V21WW	14001	0418	25	OH
XU1SS	14026	1453	27	WA
YN3CC	14003	0652	5	CA
YN3EO	14003	0142	28	FL
ZB2EO	14010	0104	3	FL
ZK1XD	14031	0247	23	OH
ZK3YY	14039	0833	27	MT

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say you saw his call in
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-----20 Meter SSB-----

3A2EE	14165	0440	22	OH
3B9FR	14190	1200	22	RI
3DA0AM	14260	1205	18	OH
3X1SG	14226	0123	25	FL
5B4TI	14189	0350	23	MT
5N1MRE	14210	1959	24	FL
5N4/	14246	0601	29	CA
4X4FF				
5T5NU	14208	0237	24	NH
5V7TM	14226	2055	21	MA
6J6JX	14250	0601	29	CA
7X5ST	14226	0326	24	FL
9H1EU	14183	2100	17	MA
9K2KW	14209	2130	21	MA

9K2KW	14240	0006	28	NH
A35SA	14210	0534	30	OR
A92BE	14189	0356	23	MT
C21BD	14165	1326	29	OR
C31SD	14139	2214	22	JA
CE0GHO	14213	0212	30	CA
CT3DL	14193	2332	27	MA
D44BC	14204	0640	24	CO
EA9IE	14198	2358	24	FL
FK8KAB	14160	1025	25	MA
F05HL	14152	1210	21	MA
FT5DX	14174	0320	18	OH
HH7GE	14275	1055	21	OH
IT9NGG	14240	0356	12	MN
J28DN	14217	0415	24	CO
J52BLU	14160	2300	20	MA
J52US	14191	0046	29	MA
JW5E	14212	0332	29	RI
JY9LC	14189	0204	25	MA
KH0AC	14214	1125	23	RI
OD5VT	14152	0300	21	OH
OD5WA	14203	1959	23	NH
OD5WA	14150	1630	26	NH
P29KH	14195	1045	24	OH
SV0FG	14242	0206	25	FL
T20AA	14208	1113	22	OH
T20AA	14283	1045	23	OH
T31JS	14190	0636	5	CA
TA1U	14230	0445	25	MA
TF6PS	14172	0214	21	MA
TP0CE	14213	1255	24	MA
UG6LQ	14188	0345	18	OH
UI8FM	14170	0135	28	MI
UI8ZAA	14197	0040	24	MA
UJ8JMM	14218	0111	25	NY
UM5P/	14182	0239	28	OR

-----15 Meter CW-----

5H1HK	21033	1850	22	NH
9H3GQ	21030	2240	27	FL
9H3IJ	21015	2245	27	FL
9L1GG	21017	1234	2	FL
9Q5DX	21025	2029	3	CA
A92EM	21034	2115	9	MA
CE0FFD	21004	2226	22	GA
CE0FFD	21003	1600	23	NM
CN8FC	21027	2006	3	CA
EA9IB	21040	2233	21	FL
EA9JS	21043	2219	29	FL
FT5ZB	21025	0412	5	CA
SV0FU	21190	1425	25	OH
T31JS	21030	0202	4	CA
TA1A	21025	1440	2	FL
TN4NW	21025	1225	2	FL
TR8JJC	21027	1718	2	FL

TU4CO	21009	2159	2	FL
VQ9QM	21027	1435	24	FL
ZB2EO	21029	1820	24	FL
ZD8HR	21006	1424	2	FL
ZK1XD	21009	0330	25	OH

-----15 Meter SSB-----

4S7/	21225	0155	9	MA
DF9FA				
5H1HK	21265	2030	15	JA
5Z4MR	21290	1907	19	MA
9H1EU	21280	2037	15	JA
9K2SH	21261	2203	23	NC
9Q5NW	21252	1854	26	MA
A92BE	21345	2012	23	NH
D44BC	21305	1945	24	FL
EA8ABG	21245	1929	15	JA
FK8KAB/P	21259	0225	25	OH
F00AKV	21295	0135	9	MA
HK0EFU	21273	1705	3	CA
J28DN	21285	2200	30	MA
J52US	21291	2018	25	MA
KA2CC	21275	2205	3	CA
OH0BA	21276	2036	15	JA
PY0FF	21306	2029	26	NH
S92LB	21290	2025	15	JA
SV9ADO	21240	1952	15	JA
T31JS	21295	0443	4	CA
T32AB	21242	0327	24	JA
TA2/	21357	1445	21	FL
N4EXR				
TN4NW	21250	1758	1	CA
TR8SA	21242	1906	26	MA
VK9ND	21370	0230	25	OH
VU2TJW	21266	0145	9	MA
YJ8NJS	21125	1164	13	IL
ZD8HCS	21252	2105	17	MA
ZK1CT	21255	0414	27	OR
ZK1QC	21330	0245	29	OR
ZK3RVC	21227	2324	3	CA
ZK3YY	21296	0450	23	CO

-----12 Meters-----

ZL2ANT	24950	2108	3	CA
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-----10 Meter SSB-----

3D2MP	28489	0135	11	MA
A92BE	28505	2205	9	MA
P40JT	28885	1830	18	OH
SV9AKD	28450	2133	8	MA
TR8JLD	28478	2020	9	MA

-----6 Meters-----

8P6JW	50109	2119	25	MA
G8HVV	50112	2225	25	MA
GI6FHD	50147	2227	25	MA
GM0EWX	50184	2256	25	MA
GM0EXW	50170	2231	25	MA
HC2FG	50104	2118	25	MA
HH7PV	50122	0007	26	MA

June-July Calendar:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	28	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

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CALENDAR

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(Changes and hot info in boldface.)

Amsterdam - FT8Z	FT5ZB 14165+ 1130Z	I441
	7005 0145Z; 14025 0300Z	
Aruba - P4	P40GO IARU HF	I443
Bahamas - C6	W8KKF IARU HF Jul 9	I441
Bahrain - A92	A92BE 21200-230 03Z	I442
Brunei - V85	V85BA 14175-215 12Z	I444
Cape Verde - D4	D44BC 14205 0300Z	I444
Gen. Kiribati T31	T31JS to July 15	I444
Christmas - T32	T32BE Sept. 15-21	I441
Corsica - TK	TK/HB9TL from Jul 14	I441
Easter Is.- CE0	CE0FFD 21288 0245Z	I444
E. Malaysia - 9M	9M8PV 14165 1230Z	I443
Gabon - TR	TR8JLD 14020 05, 21Z	I443
Glorioso - FR/G	FR4FA/G Now-July 20	I436
Guinea-Bissau J5	J52US 14200 22-23Z	I442
India - VU	VU2TJW to Jul 10	I444
Jordan - JY	JY9LC 14190 0200Z	I445
Juan Fernandez	CE0ICD 14256 at 2100	I443
Kerquelen - FT-X	FT5XE 14055 1100Z	I442
Kenya - 5Z4	5Z4DU 21320 1830Z	I442
Kure - KH7	KH6LW/KH7 July 13-27	I443
Lebanon - OD	OD5LX 14022 0200Z	I445
Liechtenstein HB0	HB0/F6GMB Aug 8-20	I437
Malta - 9H	9H3IJ 20/15 CW 2000Z	I445
Marshall Is. KX6	KX6HN 14196 1215-13Z	I440
Minami Torishima	KA2CC July 8-15 SSB	I442
Monaco - 3A	14165 kHz 05Z F9RM	I443
Mongolia - JT	JT1BR 14027 1400Z	I440
M-V Island - 4J	4J0FS July 7-12	I445
Nepal - 9N	9N1MM 14183 0100Z	I434
Nicaragua - YN	YN3EO 14003 0100Z	I444
Norfolk Is. VK9N	VK9ND 21370 0130Z	I445
North Cooks ZK1	ZK1WL 10/15 SSB 0300	I443
Ogasawara - JD1	KA2IJ July 20-27	I443
Rwanda - 9X	9X5SP 14292 0230Z	I442
Saba Is. - PJ	PJ0M 6M Jul 7-14	I430

St. Pierre - FP	by W9s Aug 10-18	I440
Sao Tome - S9	S92LB 21290 2000Z	I445
Solomons - H4	H44X to Aug. 10	I444
Taiwan - BV	BV2DA 14005 1400Z	I438
	BV2B 14223-26 1300Z	I439
Thailand - HS	HS0A 14026 120Z	I443
Tokelau - ZK3	ZK3RVC to July 20	I441
Tuvalu - T2	CQWW SSB by K8JRK	I432
Uganda - 5X	5X5SP 14292 1730Z	I443
Virgin Is. - KP2	QRPers July 7-14	I442
W. Malaysia - 9M2	9M2LE 1130Z 20CW	I443
Yemen - 4W	4W0EA Delayed	I440
Zambia - 9J	9J2BO 14025 05, 12Z	I443
Zaire - 9Q	9Q5DX 21036 2030Z	I445

DX Activities and Contests

Date	Event or Activity	Info
July 9-10	IARU HF Contest	QST
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July 18	Recip calls change	QST
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